

# BIG SANDY NEWS.

*Aut inveniam viam, aut faciam.*

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## NEWS ITEMS.

A NOVEL TRAP.

A Greaser invents a Contrivance and catches a burglar.

Sr. Louis, Jan. 10.—The most novel and, at the same time, most effective capture of a burglar ever made in St. Louis was effected early Monday morning, in the grocery-shops of B. T. Gough, No. 700 Main street. Tegrethoff runs four stores in different sections of St. Louis, and has been the victim of a number of burglaries. He invented a "thief-trap" unique and original in design, but as reliable in its workings as a bear trap.

Albert Williams, who has served two terms as burglar, and was recently released from prison, was Monday night in jail, suffering with one leg nearly ruined from the hold which the thief-trap fastened on it. His yell of pain while in the trap brought judgment to the stars. They could not release him, and he had to remain in the trap until the inventor was awakened at his home a mile away, who came and "loosened up" the things.

The arrangement of the trap is thus described: In the floor of the shop is placed a movable trap-door, which is protected during the day, but left so that a trifling weight will open it during the night. When stepped upon this falls through into the cellar, releasing a strong, heavy, movable bar, much after the style of the cutter-bar of a mowing machine, bristling with spikes, to which is attached the great ice gorge in the river at Cincinnati gave way at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. It was a fearful and exciting time for the river men and they watched the outcome with grave misgivings.

The break was twelve hours later than expected, and, instead of occurring at night, the dangerous mass of ice lay in the afternoon.

This was most fortunate and, doubtless saved a great deal of property and lives. The day of the opening along the river bank and on the streams at the wharf-boats were enabled to what they were doing and could take advantage of any emergency which might arise. It was a remarkable and thrilling sight that was witnessed by the thousands of people who gathered on the banks of the Ohio river in anticipation of the ice gorge giving way. Few of them outside of the men who are accustomed to the river could appreciate the danger which attended the gorging of the river with great banks of ice, and which might crush the big boats like so much paper. From shore to shore for a distance of twenty miles were solid masses of ice which looked like stable in a field. The frozen river was so rough that even where there was no open water, there was it was dangerous to attempt to cross on account of the uncertainty of the footing and the peril of a sudden breaking of the gorge.

The steamers along the wharf-boats at the foot of Broadway and Walnut street had been huddled as closely as possible to the shore.

Some of them were comparatively safe in almost any event, but grave fear was felt for the Mary Houston, which was on the outside of the fleet, and had to bear the brunt of the encroaching masses of ice. The Boston, lying a short distance below the Houston, but near the shore, and protected by others above it, and the last of the boats was the Tacoma, and its little stern wheel swashed constantly and seemed to keep out the flow of ice remarkably well. In less than an hour it was evident that it would be impossible for the boat to float at the public landing-sites safe, and soon the news was confirmed, for thirty-one barges came down with the tide and passed without doing any injury.

The pain was unbearable, and it seemed as if I had held them all night. The more I moved the worse the trap lacerated my leg and increased the pain. I was glad to be released, and went over the road. There was a 44-caliber gun set so that it pointed directly toward my head and body. It did not go off. If it had I would have been blown to pieces.

AMERICAN MUMMIES.

Utah is Expected to furnish a Supply for the Fair.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Jan. 10.—Dan Maguire, the antiquity man of the Utah World's fair commission, is on the trail of some genuine Utah mummies and if he succeeds in surmounting the rugged barriers that encompass their abode, something unique in the line of preserved humanity will be produced. Ancient mummies are known to exist in the rugged, almost impenetrable portion of southern Utah, which has never been explored except by an occasional hunter. One of these dried bodies was brought out a year ago and placed on exhibition at Ogden for a short time.

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The Chicago and Southeastern Wednesday was compelled to stop the running of their trains west of Noblesville, Ind. The sheriff has their engines shamed to the track for money owed to employees. The road has just been opened.

The Kansas supreme court Thursday afternoon decided the Stubbs-Rosenthal legislative contest case against Rosenthal (dem.). The decision is a great victory for the republicans, and virtually assures to them the organization of the house.

The London Chronicle's Rome correspondent says: The pope has been unusually irritated by the collapse of his project to appoint a cardinal to the United States for which, Archishop Ireland has secured President Harrison's permission.

A popular marriage occurred in Coopersburg, Ind., the parties being William White and Bessie L. Backinger. The groom is 17 years of age and the bride is 16, and the bride's father is brother-in-law of the groom, having married for his second wife a sister of the room.

William Walter Phelps, the U. S. minister, will start from Berlin for Algiers Saturday for the benefit of his health. He is suffering from a slight throat affection.

The first regiment of Virginia cavalry bearing the honor of being President-elect Hayes's escort on inauguration day. This is said to be the only company of state cavalry in the United States.

Mr. James P. Frost, financial editor of the Boston Globe, and one of the most able journalists of New England, died suddenly Friday morning at his residence. He was noted as an expert editor.

Erk, son of Albert Paine, white of Wisconsin, died on the snow while on a hunting trip at Washington, D. C., and broke the gun he had used.

A chain was found in the pocket of a man who had been shot at the quays at Barcelona, weighed eight tons and had its appetites.

The New Cuban Cruiser's Crew.

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Circuit Court will adjourn today.

M. S. Burns went to Cincinnati Monday.

Good fine salt at \$1.00 per barrel at Gunnells.

Lon Borders, of Catlettsburg, was here this week.

K. Sachs returned Monday from a trip to the city.

Only 95¢ per barrel salt at Borders & Stewarts.

Dr. Weis, of Newport, was in Louisa last week.

The mail registration fee is now eight cents instead of ten.

Miss Hattie Jones closed her two months' session of school Friday.

Purity is the only reliable flour. Made to order for Sullivan, Wilson & Co.

The old directors in the Bank of Louisa have been re-elected for this year.

Sam Freese came down from Peach Orchard and spent Sunday at home.

The school teachers were in last Saturday to receive the reward for their labors.

Rev. Cox returned last week from a visit to his feeble father, who is 84 years old.

If you want good fine salt, call on Gunnell and get it for one dollar (\$1.00) per barrel.

Please remember that Dr. M. Jones the photographer has now located in Louisa.

One of the twins recently born of Lot Wellman's wife died a few days ago. It was the boy.

Mr. C. B. Stuart took his place in the Louisa Schools Monday, having recovered from his recent illness.

Judge Kinner yesterday appointed A. J. Garred Master Commissioner. The selection is a good one.

We are glad to learn that Tip Moore is better and that there is now good prospect for his recovery.

A protracted meeting will begin at the M. E. Church South next week. Rev. Hiner will be assisted by his father.

If you want your husband to buy you a new seal-skin sack, buy some pure Buckwheat flour & Maple Syrup at Sullivan, Wilson & Co.

The building association loaned \$1,300 last Saturday night. This money all goes toward securing homes for those who need them.

If you want photos or tin types, you can get them at Jones photograph gallery any time. It makes no difference about the kind of weather.

Before you ask a man if this is cold enough for him it is well to prepare for the worst. A breach of the peace has often been provoked by less cause.

H. E. Ferguson arrived home Monday from Dingus, W. Va., where he was engaged for the past five weeks in erecting and putting into operation a telephone line.

The West Virginia coal on dealers have been hauling coal across the ice. Two yokes of oxen drawing a wagon containing twenty-five bushels of coal have been crossing safely.

Mr. L. S. Johnson returned home Monday from a trip to Kansas and Missouri. Mrs. Johnson and little son returned from Ironton, where they spent two weeks with relatives.

The cold weather got in its work on the **News** office this week and the paper is printed under disadvantages. One of the tubes of our steam engine burst from freezing and the press work had to be done by hand.

Sup't. Berry received his last school check Friday, the amount being \$7,300. Most of the schools have closed. The wages paid while teachers ranged from \$25 to \$80 per month, the average wages being over \$40.

Some pitiable sights have been witnessed at the present term of court in the persons of idiotic dependents who were brought in for examination in order to secure the allowance provided by law for such unfortunate.

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Married, Wednesday evening, at the home of the bride's parents in Louisa, Mr. F. M. Vinson to Miss Zena Reynolds, Rev. A. M. See officiating. The News extends congratulations.

The Louisa Roller Mills have been having trouble with a defective boiler which has interfered seriously with the business. They hope to have it remedied in a short time.

Judge Kinner resumed his position at the head of the court last Monday. All the murder cases have been continued until next Court and Prosecutor Redwine left for home Wednesday. The civil docket was then taken up and is now occupying the attention of the court.

The regular January examination of applicants for teacher's certificates was held here last Friday and Saturday. 39 applicants were examined, 24 of whom received certificates. Two were first-class, issued to T. C. Burton and Miss Vic Swetnam. Ten were 2nd class twelve 3d class.

We inadvertently failed last week to mention the death of Mrs. Jas. C. Castle, which occurred at her home near Sedalia, Mo., on December 21st. She was 70 years old, the mother of Hon. G. W. and H. W. Castle, of this county, and reared her family in this vicinity, removing with her husband to Missouri 20 years ago. She enjoyed the best of health up to a short time before her death, her fatal illness being of short duration.

It is perhaps not generally known in our community that right in our midst there are a few cases of the most abject poverty—families actually in danger of starving and freezing to death. This unusually long and severe spell of weather has placed some of the poor people who live in open houses in just such condition. A small amount of investigation will discover a field for home mission work and no time should be lost in looking after it.

Heretofore the Cincinnati Fast Line over the Chesapeake & Ohio Ry., which leaves Washington in the afternoon, has had dining car service only for dinner and supper on the date leaving Washington, breakfast not being served on the morning of arrival in Cincinnati, but on the 11th inst., the service will be made complete to enable Cincinnati passengers, as well as those destined beyond, to take their breakfast in the dining car before reaching Cincinnati at 8 a.m.

A New Drug Store.

A. M. Hughes has completed arrangements for opening a first-class drug store in Louisa. We learn that everything is entirely new, the fixtures handsome and modern, and the stock fresh and complete. It will be opened soon in the Burkhett store room.

Coal Famine.

A threatened coal famine has been staring our people in the face for several days and the prospects were such as to make them "shaky." It makes us realize that, though surrounded by beds of coal, we may suffer for want of it. The mines at Peach Orchard were suspended Monday because of a disagreement between the employees and the company in regard to a weigh-master, but the men have returned to work and we now have prospects of getting all that is needed. The experience should teach us to prepare for winter before it comes.

127 Indictments.

The grand jury adjourned yesterday at noon, after a ten days' session. They returned 127 indictments, classified as follows: murder 1, grand larceny 2, petit larceny 1, store breaking 1, carrying concealed weapons 17, Sabbath breaking 3, killing hogs 2, gaming 12, breaking of peace 12, cutting and wounding 2, forgery 2, detaining a woman 1, malicious striking 1, shooting and wounding 3, shooting in town 1, adultery 2, disturbing congregation 4, selling spirituous liquors 54, obtaining money under false pretenses 1, giving spirits on election day 3, malicious mischief 1, perjury 1, illegal voting 1.

Depot Removal.

The railroad company has had the old building formerly used as an engine house situated in Thomastown, repaired and put in shape for use as a depot, and the business will be transferred to that place in a few days. A new depot will probably be built sometime within this year. The building used at present as a depot will be used as a ware room.

The "Y" has been taken up and a side track laid along the rear of the depot.

It is unfortunate for the general public that this matter could not have been adjusted so as to cause no change, but it seems to be difficult to find just where the blame should be placed. The complaints of some citizens brought the matter before the Trustees and the result of an investigation of the laws seem to be that the action they took, so far out of the dilemma has been suggested, we are sorry to say.

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Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

## Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Another Edition.

In consequence of the demands upon the Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. for its souvenir book, a second edition of the humorous Poems and sketches of Howard Sayby has been issued, a copy of which will be sent to any address by sending 10 cents in postage stamps to

C. B. RYAN,  
Asst. Gen'l. Pass. Agt.,  
Cincinnati, O.

Transgressors' Dues.

Columbus Stewart was last week sentenced to the penitentiary for grand larceny. He stole a check for \$23 and confessed.

Leander Hickman and wife were each fined \$1,000 for malicious mischief. They were convicted of setting fire to a fence with malicious intent. This is one of the largest fines ever administered in this court.

A Heavy Slide.

There was a very heavy slide on the railroad track at Richardson on Wednesday of last week. One wing of the "Y" on which the locomotives turn was covered with such a large amount of dirt that it has not all been cleared away. The locomotives have therefore been compelled to make the trips one way with tender in front. A good deal of trouble is expected from slides on the road from Sandy bridge to Richardson during the wet Spring season.

The Weather.

The most talked about subject of the past week has been the weather and it will hardly be denied that it has done its duty toward meritizing unusual attention. It is probably the severest spell of weather this section of country has had for more than twenty-five years. The ground has not been clear of snow since the 19th of December, and the mercury has been persistently diving for the zero mark, with altogether too much success. Here is the record for the past week as shown by the thermometer at the government office at this place, which registers the extremes in each twenty-four hours: Friday morning it showed 7 degrees above zero; Saturday 2; Sunday 15; Monday 12; Tuesday 5; Wednesday 22 degrees below zero.

Very respectfully,

NICHOLAS McDOWELL,  
Commissioner.

Monthly Crop Report.

WHEAT.—The wheat crop for the year 1892 was the largest we have ever raised. As is usually the case, those who threshed and sold early have realized the best prices. A great many farmers are still holding their wheat, not willing to sell at present prices. From the county of Shelby my correspondent writes, "much more wheat in the hands of farmers than this time last year." We have the same report from Ohio county and others I could mention. The growing crop was reported as looking better than was expected until the present cold spell of weather. The late sown wheat was making the best show. The long continued cold spell, without any snow to protect it will be very trying on it, the plant being very small and tender.

TOBACCO.—In the month of November I asked my correspondents as to the condition of tobacco, which was given in last report; also the average price. This month I asked as to the quality as compared to former years. "Tobacco is a good crop, and selling to our local buyers at much better prices than for many years; and further states, there are plenty of all kinds of farm products in this section, and good prices paid for them. The season has been remarkably good for handling, and the crop is well advanced." Another correspondent writes: "Tobacco is considered a better crop in every way than for several years." Our correspondent from Henderson county writes: "Tobacco weighs better than for many years past." Could also give reports just the reverse of these. After summing up all our reports, the quality, as compared to last year, 90 per cent.

Judge Farvey has granted a temporary writ of injunction enjoining the Kellogg Powder Mill folks from rebuilding and operating the same. Complaint against the mill is so universal that we are surprised that any company would undertake to operate it. It is a dangerous nuisance.—Ceredo Advance.

Before starting for the penitentiary, Forney, the Huntington train bandit, confessed to jailer Jones that he robbed a post office and a store on Bear creek, Ky., about a year ago.—Wayne News.

Last Friday a wrecking train on the Norfolk & Western, ran wild at Turkey gap, the summit of the grade at the head of the grade at the head of Elkhorn, and ran down the valley at the rate of 90 miles an hour for several miles. The trainmen on board were unable to check the train or to jump off. It was finally stopped by running into a work train. Three men were killed and two others severely injured.—Wayne News.

Hogs.—Various causes have operated to make hogs high this fall, the principal among which is the shortage of the crop. The local demand for home consumption in some localities has caused the price to reach as high as \$6 per hundred. My report shows a large falling off in stock hogs. The statistics for November show a shortage of 1,540,000 as compared with November, 1891. Chicago for the same period this year packed 780,000, against 1,470,000 last year, and it is the prevailing impression that no relief can come until next spring's crop of hogs is marketed.

The Warfield Property. Col. Milton Hume and Major E. B. Gordon, of Huntsville, Ala., who purchased the Warfield property some months ago, were last week examining the property as well as the contiguous lands in this county. They expect to utilize the natural gas which is flowing so freely from the wells opened by Capt. Allen a few years ago, as well as to open new wells. It is their intention to pipe the gas to either Catlettsburg, Ky., or Kenova, W. Va., and then by smaller pipes to furnish Huntington and several other towns along the Ohio River, with light and fuel. Major Gordon is a brother of Senator Gordon, of Georgia. A former cattle report showed that there were not so many cattle fed as the year previous. This month I inquired as to the price paid, and also as to the quantity of stock cattle. The price in the country that finds the largest amount and the best cattle, is from \$1 to \$1.50 per head.

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SHEEP.—The interest in sheep

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in some counties, which report the number greater than in previous years, caused by very profitable raising of lambs, which were in fine demand this season, and the shippers have already commenced to engage them for next season, at 6 cents per pound for early delivery.

I asked this month in regard to

sheep being killed by dogs; don't

seem to be much complaint in some

counties, which will reduce the average number to the county very

small; but in many counties there

is very great complaint, and de-

manding a very stringent law be

enacted for the protection of sheep.

I will give what one correspondent writes, "Of course, in giving the number of sheep killed by dogs at 500, I do not and cannot claim exactness; possibly there were more killed, certainly not less. One of the greatest curses afflicting the farmers of this country is dogs. If Congress would impose a heavy tax on dogs, it would be a great blessing to the farmers and every body else. Any thing tending to decrease the number of dogs would be a blessing. The sheep industry would be the most profitable of all industries in every way, if the sheep-raisers could have immunity from dog predation, and I respectfully suggest that the Department of Agriculture urge sheep protection to the attention of Congress.

Very respectfully,

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John Fleming killed his uncle

John Mullens in Logan county, W. Va., recently, and was released on

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The only absolutely pure Maple

Syrup in town, is at Frank Yates,

